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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **OHMI, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 3753

Serial No.: 09/023,416

Examiner: **FOX, John C.**

Filed: **February 13, 1998**

**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 6923**

For: **FLUID CONTROL APPARATUS**

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 17, 2003**, finally rejecting the single claim in the above-identified application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of the claim under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kumada, particularly in view of the amendment hereof:

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